

ARIZONA CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION WEEK ENDING JULY 8, 2018

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: By the end of last week, 95 percent of Durum wheat has been harvested compared with 88 percent last year, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistics Service, USDA. Ninety-four percent of barley has been harvested compared with 90 percent last year. Eighty-five percent of the cotton crop has reached the squaring stage compared with 81 percent last year, and 32 percent has reached the setting bolls stage compared with 39 percent last year. Cotton conditions were rated mostly fair to good. Alfalfa conditions were rated mostly good to excellent, depending on location last week with harvesting taking place on over two-thirds of the alfalfa acreage across the State. Last week, Central and Western Arizona growers shipped cantaloupes, honeydews, mixed melons and watermelons. In the Northeastern and South Central part of the State, range conditions remain dry. Reporters note that the forecast looks promising and producers are hoping it will help in their water hauling efforts. In the North Central and Northwestern part of the State, range conditions are very poor, and ranchers are reducing their herds. In the South Central part of the State, some scattered thunderstorms were received. For the week ending on July 8th, 26 of the 48 reporting weather stations reported some precipitation, with Aguila and Canyon de Chelly reporting the least at 0.01 inches while Flagstaff reported the most at 0.68 inches. All but 7 of the 48 reporting weather stations reported above normal temperatures. The highest temperature during the week was 118 degrees at Yuma Valley, and the lowest was 42 degrees at Grand Canyon. Thirty-two of the 48 reporting stations reported temperatures of 100 degrees or greater, with 19 of those stations reporting 110 degrees or more.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS

Commodity	Current week (percent)	Previous week (percent)	Previous year (percent)	5-year average (percent)
Barley				
Harvested	94	89	90	88
Cotton				
Squaring	85	70	81	81
Setting Bolls	32	22	39	36
Durum wheat				
Harvested	95	85	88	86

NA – not available

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DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION

	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork.....	7.0	7.0	7.0	NA
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	4	5	--	NA
Short.....	10	13	14	NA
Adequate.....	84	80	86	NA
Surplus.....	2	2	--	NA
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	4	4	--	NA
Short.....	10	12	14	NA
Adequate.....	84	82	86	NA
Surplus.....	2	2	--	NA

NA – not available

(--)- zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION

Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	1	--	1	3
Poor.....	5	5	6	3
Fair.....	22	16	26	16
Good.....	41	46	42	44
Excellent.....	31	33	25	34
Cotton				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	2	3	2	--
Fair.....	54	47	11	12
Good.....	38	43	67	53
Excellent.....	6	7	20	33
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	70	64	21	27
Poor.....	20	24	22	19
Fair.....	7	9	26	31
Good.....	3	3	25	21
Excellent.....	--	--	6	2

NA – not available

(--)- zero

Arizona's weather data can be accessed at the following:

http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/Arizona/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2018/AZ-Weather-07082018.pdf

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